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Letter dated 11 September 2015 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to my letters of 27 August 2015 (S/2015/669) and of 9 September 2015 (S/2015/696) conveying my recommendations, including elements of the terms of reference, on an Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons-United Nations joint investigative mechanism pursuant to Security Council resolution 2235 (2015). I also have the honour to refer to your letter of 10 September 2015 (S/2015/697) authorizing the recommendations, including elements of the terms of reference, regarding the establishment and operation of the Mechanism.

Following the usual consultations, and in coordination with the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Ahmet Üzümcü, I should like to inform you of my intention to appoint Virginia Gamba as head of the independent three-member panel to be set up to lead the Mechanism. She will assume overall responsibility, with two deputies responsible for the political and investigative components, respectively. Ms. Gamba is currently serving as Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Office for Disarmament Affairs.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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